

ALICE'S WONDERLAND BAKERY

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"Into the Scone"

Outline

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ACT ONE

BEAT A: ALICE, HATTIE, FERGIE, COOKIE, and DINAH (all in WINTER OUTFITS) are in the midst of a much-overdue COLD CUPBOARD clean-up in the bakery. Alice and Fergie are sorting through a long-neglected corner, when a SCHOOL OF FROZEN FISH STICKS startles Fergie – and when he scurries, they follow! Meanwhile, something buried in the corner catches Alice's eye...

BEAT B: The friends join Alice and match her wonderment – but Cookie is especially shocked. "It can't be..." She pushes closer, brushes FROST off the PASTRY BOX, and her eyes go wide: "You found the last of your Great Grandmother's TOP-SECRET SCONES!"

BEAT C: The friends not only want to taste the scones, they want to know everything about them. But when Cookie flips to the recipe page...it's blank! "Wow, all the ingredients are invisible?!" exclaims Hattie. But Cookie corrects him: they're not invisible – they're *secret*! Sometimes it's fun for bakers to have a recipe that's just their own. But there are always clues inside for people to taste and try to figure out! OFF the friends' shared, knowing smile, WIPE TO:

BEAT D: THE BAKERY'S MAIN ROOM, where Cookie warms up the frozen scones in OVEN. The kids (back in their regular outfits) try to guess what the scones might taste like. With a <TOOT> Oven pops the scones onto the counter to cool. They smell amazing.

As the friends grab scones and take bites, immediately it's clear that the taste lives up to the hype – they're delicious! There's no way this can be the last batch of top-secret scones ever made. Alice simply *must* figure out the recipe! Cookie chuckles: "Your great grandmother would be delighted to hear it. You have her curious spirit!"

BEAT E: Fergie and Hattie are ready to write down the ingredients. Alice takes another bite. "Is it... No... But maybe... Hmm..." She admits she has no idea what ingredients make these scones so good! Sure, they have the scone basics like butter and flour, but what *kind* of butter and flour? Cookie and the guys don't know, either.

Alice picks up the last scone, peering at it closely. She has an idea for how to figure out the ingredients. A Wonderland secret calls for a Wonderland solution. They need to go where no baker has gone before... *Into the scone!*

ACT TWO

BEAT A: The friends stand around the last scone, now on a tea towel on the floor by their feet. Alice is in her **HARD HAT**, with her **FOREMAN CLIPBOARD** in hand and Dinah by her side; Fergie wears his **BUBBLE SUIT**; Cookie is in her **SNORKEL**; and Hattie has a **HAND CRANK EGGBEATER**. ("What do you need that for?" wonders Fergie. "You never know when an eggbeater could come in handy!")

Alice passes out **SMALL CAKE** and says they need to identify the scone's ingredients before the small cake wears off. Fergie sets his watch so they can keep track of time. In a blink, they all shrink and find themselves now at the base of a **MOUNTAIN SIZED SCONE!** With a smile, Alice leads the way through a **DARK FISSURE** in the scone's crust, and they tumble into...

BEAT B: A **BRIGHT, DESERT-LIKE LANDSCAPE**. Fergie stands up and shakes **SAND** from his ears, but Alice picks up a handful and examines the grains like an archeologist would. From her **POV**, we see each grain reflects light like a colorful kaleidoscope. "It's not sand," says Alice. "It's sugar... **RAINBOW SUGAR** – our first ingredient!" She adds it to her list. Hattie cheers and bounds farther into the sugar desert. "Let's keep going! I want to see every inch of this scone!"

BEAT C: We **CROSSFADE** to **A LITTLE LATER**, and find the group still walking, with Hattie noticeably fatigued. We **CROSSFADE** again, and Hattie has his hat off, wiping his brow. We **CROSSFADE** again, and now Hattie has stopped walking. "Break time! How long have we been walking?" he wonders. Fergie checks his watch. "About... thirty seconds!" Hattie plops down for a rest – and immediately tumbles down as though down a **RABBIT HOLE!** The others dive in after him!

BEAT D: The friends land softly in a field of **BUTTERCUPS** in the middle of a **LARGE, FROSTY CAVE**. Alice picks a buttercup, and *woosh*: a **COLD RUSH OF WIND** blows and the frost *glistens*. "Is this an ice cave?" Cookie wonders as Fergie reaches up and breaks off a **STALACTITE**. "This ice is buttery!" he says as it melts on his hands. "It's not buttery ice," says Alice. "It's icy butter! **FROZEN BUTTERCUP BUTTER** must be the next ingredient!" Cookie points out that frozen buttercup butter would explain the scones' flakiness – and their supreme buttery-ness! Alice adds it to her list.

BEAT E: "It also explains why the ground is so slick!" says Hattie as he slip-n-slides by on his belly! The others join him! They're having a blast zooming around, laughing...until Cookie gulps and points out...*they're heading straight for a wall!!* The friends reach out their hands/bookmarks and grab ahold of something, stopping them in their tracks – but Fergie's hands are still butter-slippery; he can't get a good grip! He *crashes*...

BEAT F: ...And bounces right off the wall and back at them, with a big puff of SODA BUBBLES erupting from where he made contact! Fergie giggles and lets everyone know he's okay. The wall isn't a "wall," but a giant BOUNCEBERRY!

Alice adds it to her list, and all the friends start bouncing off the berry, tickled by the soda bubbles ...until Cookie bounces into one of the bubbles and floats away! "Guess I'm floating outta the scone! See you all on the other side!" Alice realizes the bubbles are BAKING SODA BUBBLES, which must be the ingredient that helps the scone dough rise! "Whatever the reason, I'm here for it!" says Hattie as he does another flip.

BEAT G: Alice consults her list. She's almost done – there's just one major ingredient left; the most important ingredient of all cookies, scones, and every pastry: the flour.

Suddenly Cookie's voice BOOMS: "Alice!" The friends glance around, unsure where it's coming from. "Where are you?" Alice asks. "I landed back in the Bakery!" her booming voice continues. "But...I've got some big news. I'm big again!"

Suddenly, Dinah's ears twitch... and GROW! The small cake is wearing off! Alice thinks fast: "I'll find the last ingredient. You guys get Dinah back to the Bakery!" Hattie grabs his eggbeater: "I knew this would come in handy!" He uses it to burrow through a wall and he and Fergie escort Dinah to safety.

ACT THREE

BEAT A: Now alone, Alice bounces across the giant berry. With one *big leap*, she lands back in the sugar desert, where wind whips DUSTY SWIRLS around her. She also notices SPIRAL PATTERNS covering the walls. Curious – what could those be?

The dust must be the flour – the last ingredient she needs to identify. Holding onto her hat with one hand, she raises her other hand into a passing dust swirl. She licks her finger to taste it. "It's just...regular flour? But that wouldn't account for the unique taste of the scone. Alice knows she's still missing something... but what? Suddenly...

BEAT B: Everything around her starts to *rumble*! SCONE-QUAKE!!

CUT TO: THE BAKERY, where full-sized Fergie innocently holds the scone and peers into it. "Hm, I don't see her..." he says, tossing the scone to his other hand for a different angle.

INSIDE THE SCONE: Alice is tossed around, doing her best to stay upright. Suddenly, Fergie's giant eye is hovering above her. "Alice, if you can hear me, you don't have much time left! Get out of there as soon as you can!"

IN THE BAKERY, Cookie tells Fergie it might be a good idea to put the scone down...seeing as Alice is still inside... "Oh, right!" he says as he returns the scone to the counter with an apology.

INSIDE: Alice brushes herself off and wonders how much time she has... And right on cue, BUZZ! Fergie's watch goes off!

BEAT C: "Oh crumbs!" Alice runs... but it's too late! She starts to grow, the walls crumbling around her...

CUT BACK TO THE BAKERY, where the friends aren't sure what to do! They toss the scone back and forth like a hot potato, when finally Fergie panics and throws it outside...!

And before we know it, Alice is back to full size, the crumbled scone beside her, now just a pile of dust. As her friends rush outside to check on her, a BROOMDOG casually strolls by and sweeps up what remains of the final Top-Secret Scone.

BEAT D: Alice is heartbroken. Now they'll never be able to figure out her Great Grandmother's recipe. But Cookie isn't giving up that easily. "When there's a whisk, there's a way, right?" Alice GASPS in realization!

BEAT E: "It's not an ingredient I was missing; it's a technique. The spiral patterns on the walls of the scone – the ones she couldn't identify – she thinks they could have been made by WHISKING. Supremely light whisking at that, given the lightness of the scone. But there's only one way to find out..."

BEAT F: Alice and friends rush back into the bakery, and under the **RECURRING "THE BAKING SONG,"** they pull together all the ingredients they identified. Alice gives the bowl a light whisk... And as **THE SONG ENDS** as Oven pops out the finished scones.

BEAT G: They all take bites and confirm: they did it – they recreated Alice's Great Grandmother's Top-Secret Scone recipe! They can now taste each of the individual ingredients, too. ("Mmm, baking soda – delicious!" says Hattie.)

Alice loves that her great grandmother left her this mystery to unravel; it's another connection for them to share. "Now that you figured it out, should we add it to my pages?" asks Cookie. But Alice folds up the paper from her clipboard and slips it into her pocket: "Let's keep it a secret recipe."

"Food really can take you anywhere, huh?" says Fergie as he takes another bite. "Yup," says Alice. "Even... *into the scone!*"

FADE OUT.